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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : Reports of New Chinese Purchases of Grain

Mr. Carroll Brunthaver, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, informed the Resources Branch of the China Division late this afternoon of a Reuters dispatch originating in Europe which reports that China will purchase 4 million tons of corn and 5 hundred thousand tons of wheat. Further details are not yet available, but it is unlikely that the PRC will make large purchases of grain at this time. The Chinese are known to have refused recent offers of both corn and wheat.

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*have bought
5.34 million bush grain
all wheat except
.3 million bush.*

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